



SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU

MEDICAID HOSPICE POLICY MANUAL

Section: PAYMENT FOR HOSPICE CARE

Subject: Hospice Reimbursement Board and Room Rate and Included Services

Reference: ARM 37.40.830, 37.40.339

HOSPICE REIMBURSEMENT BOARD AND ROOM RATE

The “board and room” rate to be paid to a hospice for a Medicaid member who is residing in a nursing facility will be the Medicaid rate established by the Department in ARM 37.40.307, for the individual facility minus the amount the member pays toward his own cost of care. Payment for board and room will be made to the hospice and, in turn, the hospice will reimburse the nursing facility (refer to 37.40.339).

General inpatient care or hospice respite care in a nursing facility will not be reimbursed directly by Medicaid program when a recipient elects the hospice benefit payment. Under such circumstances payment will be made to the hospice in accordance with ARM 37.40.805, 37.40.339.

INCLUDED SERVICES

“Board and Room” rate includes performance of personal care services, including assistance in the activities of daily living, socializing activities, administration of medication, maintaining cleanliness of a member’s room, and supervision and assisting in the use of durable medical equipment and prescribed therapies.

PHYSICIAN SERVICES

The following services performed by hospice physicians are included in the board and room rates described in this policy:

1. General supervisory services of the medical director; and
2. Participation in the establishment of plan of care, supervision of care and services, periodic review and updating of plans of care, and establishment of

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governing policies by the physician member of the interdisciplinary group.

Services furnished voluntarily by physicians are not reimbursable.

Services of the patient's attending physician if he or she is not an employee of the hospice or providing services under arrangements with the hospice are not considered hospice services and are not included in the amount subject to the hospice payment limit.